

2007 / Fiscal Year 2008 Priorities

Funding for Pro-Life Resources

The Alternatives to Abortion Program offers counseling and provides services to pregnant women, supporting them in carrying their unborn child to term. Services include, but are not limited to: adoption assistance; caring for dependent children; prenatal care; medical and mental health care; parenting skills; drug and alcohol testing, and treatment; child care; job training and placement; domestic abuse protection; and transportation. Services are available for a year after the baby's birth. Governor Blunt recommends:

- \$760,000 to maintain the current level of funding for the program.
- \$200,000 in additional funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Program.

2007 Legislative Priority

Conscience Protection for Pharmacists

Currently, Missouri law provides conscience protection for certain medical professionals with respect to abortions. The Governor supports legislation that:

- Protects the conscience rights of pharmaceutical professionals. Pharmacies cannot require any employee to perform, assist, recommend, refer for, or participate in any service involving a particular drug or device they have a good faith belief is used for abortions.
- Protects pharmaceutical professionals from civil or criminal liability, and from actions against their professional license, if they invoke their conscience rights protections.
- Prohibits employers from refusing to hire, discriminating against, segregating, or terminating a pharmaceutical professional because of their opposition to any service involving a particular drug or device that they have a good faith belief is used for abortions.

2007 Legislative Priority

Getting Abortion Providers Out of Missouri Schools

Currently, some school districts around the state allow Planned Parenthood, and other abortion providers, to offer sex education in their schools. Governor Blunt believes that abortion providers should not be providing information to Missouri school children. The Governor proposes legislation that will prohibit any public elementary or secondary institution from allowing abortion providers to present sex education programs to students.

Representing Missourians' Values

"I am proud to join with pro-life Missourians to support a culture that promotes the dignity of human life."

- Matt Blunt

2006 Successes

Tax Credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers

In 2006, Governor Blunt signed House Bill 1485, which passed with broad bi-partisan support, to authorize an income tax credit for contributions made to qualified pregnancy resource centers. Pregnancy resource centers are non-residential facilities that provide numerous services to women facing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy.

These centers do not provide abortion services or referrals for abortion services. They are the front line in providing the love and support young women need to make a good decision for their child and themselves. The Governor applauds these centers for their excellent work.

